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City of Kirkland Public Works Department



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Recycling Collection Event

PRESENTED BY: City of Kirkland & King County
WHAT: Residential Collection Event
WHERE: Houghton Park & Ride (NE 70th St. & 116th Ave. NE)
WHEN: Saturday, April 19th from 9 AM to 3 PM

This is a great opportunity to clean out your garage and safely recycle items that normally cannot be left at the curb with your regular Waste Management pick-up service. Examples of items that you can bring are: tires, motor oil, batteries, clothing, porcelain toilets and sinks, electronic equipment and televisions.*

Not sure what to do with those hard to recycle items? Visit King County's "What Do I Do With..." page from www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/recycle.

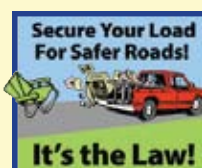
Fluorescent tubes and bulbs can be recycled at this event!
(limit 10 per person)

User Fee Items (cash only):

Porcelain toilets/sinks-\$5
Propane tanks (empty, residential only)-\$5
Small camping propane tanks (empty)-\$1
TV sets (36" or smaller)-\$20
TV sets (37" or larger, console/big screen)-\$25
TV sets (projection)-\$30
Computer monitors-\$10

Please see www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd/facilities

or call (206) 296-4466 for tips on securing your load.



*Restrictions apply and some items are not collected. User fees cover the cost of proper processing and recycling. All items collected will be recycled. View the flyer at www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/recycle or call the Recycling Hotline at (425) 587-3812 for more information.

Funding provided by the King County Solid Waste Division, King County Local Hazardous Waste Management Program, and the Washington State Department of Ecology.

Don't Let Car Washing Circle the Drain!

Are you peering through a layer of winter windshield grime? Are you thinking about grabbing the ol' bucket and hose and getting to work? Runoff from home car washing can be harmful to fish and other critters who live in lakes and streams. Here are some things to think about before washing your car...



The best option is to use a commercial car wash. Most car washes recycle their water and any water that is not recycled goes to the sanitary sewer and on to the sewage treatment plant.

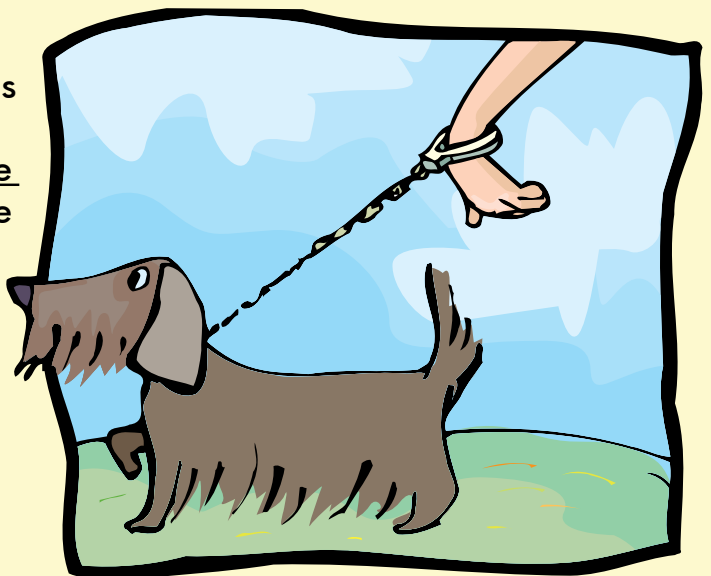
If you do wash your car at home, do so with biodegradable soap on a gravel driveway or on a lawn where the soils can absorb most of the soapy, dirty wash water. Car washing on pavement allows the wash water to run into the storm drain and then into the nearest stream or lake.

Help reduce water pollution! Call (425) 587-3858 for a free car wash ticket. Supplies are limited; one ticket per person please.

Doggy Doo's and Don'ts

There are more than 11,600 dogs in Kirkland that produce almost 2 tons of poop each day!

Whether you walk your dog or send him out into the yard to do his business, please be sure to scoop the poop, bag it, and place it in the trash. You might think of dog waste as being natural compost, but it is really raw sewage – it contains harmful organisms that can be transmitted to your family, your pets, and local streams and lakes. Our landfill is designed to safely handle substances such as dog waste, cat litter, and dirty diapers.







Confused About Plastics Recycling?

Ignore the numbers on the bottoms of the containers - the number indicates the resin (a type of plastic) content and does not have much to do with whether it can be recycled or not. The cost of recycling some items exceeds the value of recycled plastic.

Recycle only plastic bottles, tubs, jugs, and jars.



RECYCLE**	DO NOT RECYCLE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plastic bottles – e.g. water, soft drink, shampoo and juice bottles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plastic caps or lids• Bubble wrap• Flower pots
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plastic jugs – e.g. milk, juice and laundry detergent jugs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plastic bags (any type)• Packaging or wrapping
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plastic cups and utensils• Plastic food trays
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Round dairy tubs – e.g. cottage cheese, yogurt and margarine tubs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading glasses• 6-pack rings• Styrofoam
<p>** Rinse containers and throw away lids and caps.</p>	

Don't Flush Those Pills!

You can now return unwanted and expired medication for free and safe disposal at participating local pharmacies. Protect your family, your community, and the environment! Old medications left in the medicine cabinet can often be used by mistake. If thrown in the garbage or flushed down the toilet, they can give an unintended dose to fish and other wildlife.

How to Return Your Unwanted Medicine:

- Gather unwanted medications in their original containers and mark out any personal information on the bottle if you wish.
- Take the medications to a participating pharmacy.
- Deposit the medications into the secure bin marked "Medication Return."

Accepted Items:

- Prescription medications
- Over-the-counter medications
- Medication samples
- Medications for pets
- Vitamins
- Medicated ointments/lotions
- Inhalers
- Liquid medication in glass or leakproof containers

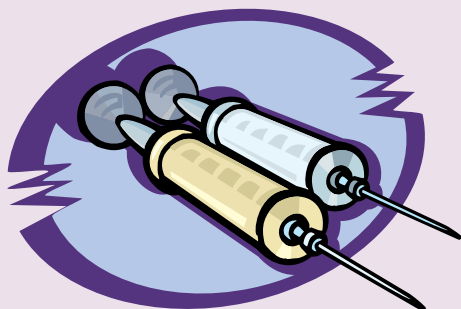
For details on the program and a list of participating pharmacies, see www.medicinereturn.com or call the State Department of Ecology Hotline at 1-800-RECYCLE.



Medical Sharps Disposal Options

Exposure to medical sharps in the garbage presents a significant health hazard to solid waste workers from the curb to the transfer station to the landfill. One accepted method to dispose of sharps has been to place them in a capped, labeled plastic two liter pop bottle. That's no longer the case: the thin plastics used in today's bottles are no longer puncture-proof so the bottles are not regarded as safe containers for sharps. In fact, sharps may soon be banned from being disposed of in your garbage in King County!

Many local pharmacies such as Bartell Drugs have free drop-off collection programs. Fee-for-service mail back programs are offered through Waste Management (www.wastemd.com) and GRP & Associates (www.sharpsdisposal.com).



Comments

The City of Kirkland would like to hear your comments about this newsletter or your suggestions for future issues. Please call (425) 587-3907 or email vlock@ci.kirkland.wa.us.

Kick Off or Boost Recycling at Your Apartment or Condo Building!

The City of Kirkland is offering FREE recycling containers to Kirkland multi-family property managers and condo associations for distribution to their residents, while supplies last.

There are 3 different container styles and each comes filled with great recycling information including a guideline sticker, a refrigerator magnet, and a recycling resource list. The City also offers recycling presentations to tenant and owner groups and free assistance in establishing new recycling programs.

Are you an apartment tenant or condominium owner? Please ask your building owner, property manager, or condo association to contact the City of Kirkland at (425) 587-3812 or at recycle@ci.kirkland.wa.us.

Recycling Yes List

Put In Your All-In-One Recycling Container:

Paper

- Clean paper and mail
- Cardboard
- Magazines, catalogs, paperback books and telephone books
- Paper boxes (cereal, frozen food etc.)
- Newspapers and advertising supplements
- Milk cartons and juice boxes
- Gift Wrap
- Paper egg cartons

Plastic

- Bottles, jugs and dairy tubs

Glass

- Bottles and jars

Metal

- Aluminum and tin cans
- Scrap metal (limit 2'x2'x2', 35 pounds)



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The Recycling Skinny on Shredded Paper . . .

Many people today are concerned about the dangers of identity theft and have purchased paper shredders to turn bank statements, credit card offers and other personal documents into unrecognizable paper strips or confetti. Although this is good for personal protection, it presents a real problem for the recycling industry because shredding cuts paper fibers into very short pieces, most of which pass through the paper-making screens and become waste. Shredded paper is also difficult to contain at the recycling facility and can contaminate other materials making them less marketable.



Since most apartments and condominiums do not have yard waste carts for composting shredded paper, there are limited recycling options available:

- Cut confidential information out and recycle the remaining paper
- Find a friend or neighbor with yard waste service, bag it in a paper sack, and compost it
- Request yard waste service from your property manager or owner (yard waste service is currently available to Kirkland multi-family customers for a fee)
- Use the shredded paper as packing material
- Use as animal bedding for small pets
- If all else fails, bag the shredded paper and dispose of it in the regular garbage

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